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State Unemployment Rate Rises

The actual Texas unemployment rate climbed from 6.3 percent in March to 7.0 percent in April. The current rate was the same as that recorded a year earlier. In April 1989, there were an estimated 575,900 unemployed in the State, and 7,666,000 Texans were employed. Estimates from the Current Population Survey show that there were approximately 168,500 agricultural workers in Texas in mid-April. Total unemployment rose by 58,000 between March and April, while total employment increased by over 24,000. Although the over-the-month rise in the unemployment rate was sizeable, the March rate was unusually low. The unemployment rate for the first quarter averaged 7.1 percent. Compared to that rate, the April rate is basically unchanged.

The Statewide rate also increased over the month in the seasonally adjusted series. The April seasonally adjusted rate was 7.4 percent, up from 6.0 percent in March and almost identical to the April 1988 rate of 7.5 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate also rose, although more moderately. The April rate in this series was 5.3 percent, up from 5.0 percent in March but below the 5.5 percent recorded in April 1988. In the actual series, the National unemployment rate inched downward from 5.2 percent in March to 5.1 percent in April, just below March 1988's 5.3 percent.

Seasonal Additions in Nonfarm Jobs

Sizeable advances in Services and Trade helped push the number of **Nonfarm Salaried Jobs** up by over 20,000 between March and April. Although increases in other sectors were not as large, the majority of the major industry groups registered at least moderate growth over the month. While the over-the-month gain was not particularly significant, Texas employers have added over 140,000 jobs between April 1988 and April 1989.

Services alone produced more than half of the State's additional nonagricultural wage and salary positions in April, as this industry gained close to 12,000 jobs. This sector has produced almost 80,000 positions over the past year. Services represented only 16 percent of the total Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas in 1970, but has expanded so rapidly in the 'Eighties that by 1988 it comprised almost one-fourth of all nonfarm jobs [see **Chart 1**, page 3].

Increases were widespread in the Service sector in April, as only Educational Services *(continued on page 3)*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. '89	Mar.'89	Apr.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,576.0	122,222.0	120,264.0
Unemployment	6,229.0	6,378.0	6,359.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.2%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	116,347.0	115,844.0	113,905.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	123,659.0	123,264.0	121,328.0
Unemployment	6,546.0	6,128.0	6,668.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.0%**	**5.5%**
Total Employment	117,113.0	117,136.0	114,660.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,241.9	8,159.5	8,204.2
Unemployment	575.9	517.9	574.9
Percent Unemployed	**7.0%**	**6.3%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	7,666.0	7,641.6	7,629.3
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,350.0	8,283.0	8,305.0
Unemployment	621.0	495.0	619.0
Percent Unemployed	**7.4%**	**6.0%**	**7.5%**
Total Employment	7,729.0	7,788.0	7,686.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	APR. '89*	MAR. '89**	APR. '88**	APR. '89*	MAR. '89**	APR. '88**	APR. '89*	MAR. '89**	APR. '88**	APR. '89*	MAR. '89**	APR. '88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,500	49,300	48,700	77,000	76,700	77,700	355,100	354,700	356,100	134,200	133,900	130,800
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	4,700	9,100	9,000	10,000	40,900	41,100	40,500	25,400	25,500	24,500
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,300	1,400	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	1,800	1,700
Construction	2,000	2,000	1,900	3,700	3,800	3,500	13,000	13,200	14,200	8,800	9,100	8,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400	5,500	5,600	5,600	10,400	10,500	10,600	9,700	9,600	9,300
Trade	13,600	13,500	13,400	22,500	22,200	22,000	75,900	75,400	77,300	32,600	32,300	31,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,100	4,200	4,400	23,800	24,000	24,500	5,100	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,100	13,100	17,100	16,900	16,500	86,200	85,700	84,500	30,100	29,900	29,700
Government	9,000	9,000	8,700	13,700	13,600	14,400	104,200	104,100	103,800	20,600	20,600	20,400
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	60,800	60,600	59,000	70,400	70,600	67,900	51,700	51,000	49,500	126,400	125,800	124,800
Manufacturing	15,900	16,000	15,400	10,000	10,100	9,800	3,400	3,300	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,200	–	–	–	600	600	600	4,400	4,500	4,000
Construction	7,600	7,500	6,600	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,900	8,400	8,300	8,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,400	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,900	18,400	18,500	17,800	10,900	10,700	10,800	31,200	31,100	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,700	3,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	7,100	7,100	6,900
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,400	5,200	16,100	16,000	14,800	9,400	9,200	8,700	29,300	28,900	28,800
Government	11,400	11,300	11,000	17,000	17,000	16,700	22,300	22,200	21,100	28,200	28,100	27,900
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,345.9	1,342.2	1,338.9	195,700	195,500	193,800	535,500	533,000	525,700	72,800	71,500	71,700
Manufacturing	221.2	221.3	222.2	39,500	40,000	40,500	121,000	121,500	119,300	8,500	8,400	8,100
Mining	17.4	17.4	18.7	–	–	–	4,200	4,100	3,700	500	500	600
Construction	49.9	50.4	57.6	8,900	8,900	9,100	22,600	22,000	23,200	5,000	5,100	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	93.8	93.4	90.5	10,700	10,600	10,700	31,200	31,000	29,900	4,900	4,600	4,600
Trade	346.5	346.6	341.5	47,000	46,900	45,600	137,600	136,900	136,400	14,300	13,900	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.9	126.4	130.2	8,500	8,400	8,900	26,900	26,700	26,900	4,200	4,000	4,300
Services & Misc.	337.5	333.4	328.0	39,600	39,200	38,500	122,000	120,800	117,200	14,100	13,900	13,600
Government	153.7	153.3	151.2	41,500	41,500	40,500	70,000	70,000	69,100	21,100	21,100	21,800
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,464.1	1,460.5	1,419.4	72,100	71,900	70,000	39,500	39,000	38,900	66,400	66,100	66,000
Manufacturing	157.1	156.8	153.0	8,500	8,500	7,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	15,500	15,700	16,100
Mining	66.3	66.5	65.4	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	87.8	86.9	85.9	3,700	3,500	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,300	2,900	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	99.9	99.9	99.8	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,200	5,100	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	362.0	361.2	350.3	16,300	16,300	16,200	11,900	11,700	10,600	17,100	17,000	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.6	101.1	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,500	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	394.2	392.3	375.5	16,500	16,400	15,600	6,300	6,100	6,100	12,500	12,500	11,900
Government	197.4	197.3	188.4	21,400	21,400	21,400	9,800	9,800	9,100	8,600	8,600	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	94,600	94,800	92,300	98,700	100,400	93,100	44,000	43,900	44,700	42,500	42,400	43,200
Manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,000	14,000	14,300	12,600	2,500	2,500	2,600	4,000	4,000	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,600	9,600	10,300	5,600	5,600	6,100
Construction	2,900	3,200	3,000	4,100	4,200	4,000	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,800	1,700	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,900	4,800	4,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trade	27,700	27,700	27,700	30,700	31,900	28,700	9,800	9,700	9,800	12,600	12,600	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,800	5,800	5,400	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,300	2,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,600	22,400	18,400	18,400	15,300	9,700	9,800	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,000
Government	22,000	22,100	21,700	25,800	25,900	24,900	6,800	6,800	6,500	7,500	7,500	7,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,500	36,900	36,600	511,300	508,000	501,600	37,100	37,000	37,800	45,400	45,300	44,700
Manufacturing	5,500	5,500	5,500	47,500	47,500	47,900	11,000	11,000	11,300	7,400	7,400	7,300
Mining	500	500	500	2,000	1,900	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,600	22,600	22,500	25,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	3,000	3,200	18,900	19,100	18,900	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,900	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,300	9,000	128,100	127,200	125,900	7,800	7,800	7,900	10,600	10,500	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	39,900	39,800	39,200	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	129,800	128,200	125,300	8,500	8,400	8,800	9,800	9,500	9,300
Government	7,300	7,300	6,900	122,700	121,800	118,200	4,400	4,300	4,400	12,300	12,400	12,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	50,900	51,000	51,000	27,600	27,600	27,700	80,200	80,100	78,300	50,800	50,500	50,800
Manufacturing	10,700	10,800	10,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	15,000	14,800	14,400	8,100	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,700	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,400	1,800	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,000	15,900	15,900	7,600	7,700	7,500	18,800	18,800	18,400	12,100	12,100	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,900	14,600	6,200	6,200	6,000	21,700	21,900	21,000	11,800	11,800	12,000
Government	9,700	9,800	9,500	5,000	5,200	4,900	12,900	13,000	12,800	9,800	9,800	9,800

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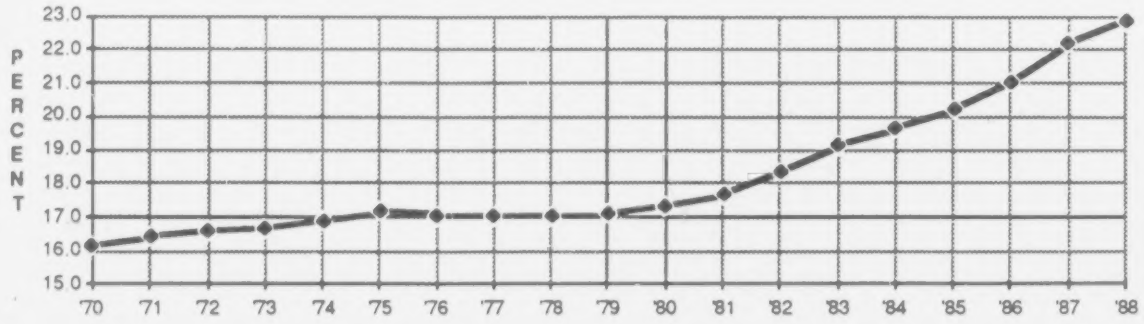
CHART 1
EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICES AS A
PERCENT OF TOTAL W&S EMPLOYMENT
STATE OF TEXAS
Ann. Avgs., 1970-1988



recorded a decline. The largest growth was in Business and Repair Services, which benefitted from the tax preparation season, and in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where seasonal hiring was ongoing to prepare for spring openings of outdoor amusement parks.. Each of these sectors gained over 3,000 jobs in April.

Other Services and Miscellaneous contributed 2,400 additional jobs in April, as law firms expanded and civic, social and fraternal associations prepared for outdoor summer activities. Health Services increased by more than 1,500 positions, as most segments of that industry expanded. Hotels and Other Lodging Places generated over 1,000 jobs, and Personal Services gained 600 positions.

The other industry group which showed notable growth between March and April was **Trade**, where 7,000 jobs were added. Although Wholesale Trade recorded a moderate number of new jobs, the primary source of the accessions was Retail Trade. Two segments were responsible for most of this increase. Eating and Drinking Places created over 6,000 jobs in April, due to seasonal factors and the general improvement in the State's economy. General Merchandise Stores gained more than 2,000 positions, as spring shopping accelerated.

Building Materials and Garden Supplies was helped by stepped-up outdoor activities,, gaining 400 jobs. Another 400 positions were created among Automotive Dealers and Service Stations in April. A decline of 2,000 in Other Retail Trade was the largest drop experienced within Trade. Smaller losses occurred in Food Stores and in Apparel and Accessory Stores.

Construction recorded its second consecutive month of growth in April, with 2,000 additional jobs. Although this increase was not nearly as large as the gain in March, any upturn in this industry is encouraging. Employment in Construction is still almost 19,000 below the year-ago level.

Just over 1,000 jobs were generated within **Government** over the month. None of the increases was particularly large, but Local Government showed the strongest advance with 700 new jobs. Smaller growth occurred in both State and Federal Government.

Transportation by Air provided the most significant increase in **Transportation and Public Utilities**, with 800 additional positions. A small gain in Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services was offset by a modest decline in Communication, leaving employment in this group up by only 800 jobs in April.

Employment in **Mining**, which has declined every month thus far in 1989, dropped by 1,200 over the month and was almost 9,000 below the year-ago level. Mining and Construction are the only major industry groups which have fewer jobs now than they had one year ago.

The other major industry group which lost jobs in April was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**. Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers generated 600 new jobs over the month. This increase, however, was nullified by a drop of 700 in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, for a loss of 100 jobs overall.

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Apr. '89*	Mar. '89**	Apr. '88**	Chg. from Mar. '89	Chg. from Apr. '88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,755,000	6,733,500	6,614,200	21,500	140,800
MANUFACTURING	964,800	964,800	951,200	0	13,600
Durable Goods	556,400	555,600	551,300	800	5,100
Lumber & Wood Products	32,700	32,900	33,900	-200	-1,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,100	7,100	7,100	0	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,000	16,100	16,300	-100	-300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,800	41,400	41,800	400	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,400	17,200	17,800	200	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,300	28,400	100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	77,600	74,400	300	3,500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,800	36,900	35,100	-100	1,700
Machinery, exc. Electrical	106,600	106,600	105,500	0	1,100
Oil Field Machinery	24,800	24,800	25,700	0	-900
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,600	115,400	116,500	200	-900
Transportation Equipment	98,100	98,200	96,400	-100	1,700
Aircraft & Parts	56,200	56,400	54,800	-200	1,400
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,700	24,500	23,800	200	900
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,600	14,300	0	300
Nondurable Goods	408,400	409,200	399,900	-800	8,500
Food & Kindred Products	95,600	96,700	94,200	-1,100	1,400
Meat Products	28,900	28,800	28,100	100	800
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
Bakery Products	9,500	9,600	9,600	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	2,800	2,800	3,000	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,400	58,500	57,300	-100	1,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,100	25,200	24,000	-100	1,100
Printing & Publishing	76,000	75,600	74,700	400	1,300
Newspaper, Penodicals, Books & Misc.	35,800	35,900	36,400	-100	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,100	78,000	75,600	100	2,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,200	28,100	28,700	100	-500
Petroleum Refining	25,100	25,100	25,400	0	-300
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,200	7,700	-100	400
Other Nondurable Goods	35,100	35,100	34,000	0	1,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	5,790,200	5,768,700	5,663,000	21,500	127,200
Mining	176,000	177,200	184,600	-1,200	-8,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,800	8,800	9,900	0	-1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,200	168,400	174,700	-1,200	-7,500
Construction	310,400	308,400	329,300	2,000	-18,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	397,400	396,600	387,200	800	10,200
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	21,000	0	-1,900
Transportation, exc. Railroads	221,400	220,500	208,400	900	13,000
Transportation by Air	68,900	68,100	63,600	800	5,300
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	80,700	81,000	81,900	-300	-1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,200	76,000	75,900	200	300
Electric Services	41,000	41,000	41,100	0	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,200	27,200	100	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,654,700	1,647,700	1,637,400	7,000	17,300
Wholesale Trade	416,500	415,900	408,400	600	8,100
Retail Trade	1,238,200	1,231,800	1,229,000	6,400	9,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,100	42,700	43,200	400	-100
General Merchandise Stores	169,200	166,900	160,800	2,300	8,400
Food Stores	216,000	216,400	221,000	-400	-5,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,600	133,200	136,100	400	-2,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,400	83,700	83,200	-300	200
Eating & Drinking Places	413,500	407,400	407,100	6,100	6,400
Other Retail Trade	179,400	181,500	177,600	-2,100	1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	439,500	439,600	438,300	-100	1,200
Banking	96,900	96,900	94,000	0	2,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,200	142,600	140,200	600	3,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,400	200,100	204,100	-700	-4,700
Services	1,582,800	1,571,200	1,502,900	11,600	79,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,600	83,500	81,100	1,100	3,500
Personal Services	88,300	87,700	86,400	600	1,900
Business & Repair Services	443,800	440,500	418,300	3,300	25,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	58,600	55,300	55,800	3,300	2,800
Health Services	434,500	432,800	407,900	1,700	26,600
Educational Services	78,200	79,000	78,800	-800	-600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	394,800	392,400	374,600	2,400	20,200
Total Government	1,229,400	1,228,000	1,183,300	1,400	46,100
Federal Government	200,200	199,900	194,600	300	5,600
State Government	249,500	249,100	240,600	400	8,900
Local Government	779,700	779,000	748,100	700	31,600

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,800	53,200	52,600	97,200	96,000	97,900	420,300	416,300	427,400
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,100	3,300	5,600	5,000	5,300	23,700	20,600	24,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	5.8%	6.3%	5.8%	5.2%	5.4%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	50,100	50,100	49,300	91,600	91,000	92,600	396,600	395,700	403,400
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,300	159,800	161,100	83,600	82,200	81,400	99,600	98,200	96,500
Total Unemployment	15,600	13,500	16,400	6,000	5,200	6,600	11,800	10,900	12,700
Percent Unemployed	9.6%	8.4%	10.2%	7.2%	6.3%	8.1%	11.8%	11.1%	13.2%
Total Employment ++	146,700	146,300	144,700	77,600	77,000	74,800	87,800	87,300	83,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,700	59,600	58,100	158,200	155,200	159,400	1,428.6	1,414.8	1,443.5
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	2,400	14,100	12,100	15,200	79.9	69.6	80.4
Percent Unemployed	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%	8.9%	7.8%	9.5%	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	57,900	57,000	55,700	144,100	143,100	144,200	1,348.7	1,345.2	1,363.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	238,500	236,600	238,300	681,300	673,100	680,700	105,900	103,500	108,200
Total Unemployment	24,600	22,900	23,700	39,400	34,700	41,000	7,900	6,900	9,500
Percent Unemployed	10.3%	9.7%	9.9%	5.8%	5.2%	6.0%	7.5%	6.7%	8.8%
Total Employment ++	213,900	213,700	214,600	641,900	638,400	639,700	98,000	96,600	98,700
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,626.4	1,611.8	1,589.1	95,700	94,500	92,400	49,300	48,800	46,400
Total Unemployment	100.0	87.8	106.6	7,600	6,600	6,800	6,600	6,500	6,300
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.4%	6.7%	7.9%	7.0%	7.4%	13.4%	13.3%	13.6%
Total Employment ++	1,526.4	1,524.0	1,482.5	88,100	87,900	85,600	42,700	42,300	40,100
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,300	77,600	112,400	113,700	112,000	158,000	158,900	149,200
Total Unemployment	7,400	6,500	6,500	5,600	6,800	5,700	26,400	26,000	22,900
Percent Unemployed	9.3%	8.3%	8.4%	5.0%	6.0%	5.1%	16.7%	16.4%	15.3%
Total Employment ++	71,800	71,800	71,100	106,800	106,900	106,300	131,600	132,900	126,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,300	49,000	51,600	51,300	53,000	44,800	44,700	44,600
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,600	3,000	4,400	4,000	3,800	2,500	2,300	2,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.4%	6.1%	8.5%	7.8%	7.2%	5.6%	5.1%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	45,700	45,700	46,000	47,200	47,300	49,200	42,300	42,400	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	604,600	595,600	601,200	47,300	47,600	48,800	57,200	56,500	56,900
Total Unemployment	44,600	39,500	43,400	3,100	3,400	3,000	4,700	4,100	4,400
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	6.6%	7.2%	6.6%	7.1%	6.1%	8.2%	7.2%	7.7%
Total Employment ++	560,000	556,100	557,800	44,200	44,200	45,800	52,500	52,500	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,900	74,500	74,300	35,800	35,500	35,900	92,300	91,700	91,700
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,700	5,300	2,400	2,100	2,400	5,300	4,700	6,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.3%	7.1%	6.7%	5.9%	6.7%	5.7%	5.1%	6.9%
Total Employment ++	69,700	69,800	69,000	33,400	33,400	33,500	87,000	87,000	85,400
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,200	56,200	56,800				8,241.9	8,159.5	8,204.2
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,400	3,300				575.9	517.9	574.9
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.0%	5.8%				7.0%	6.3%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	52,900	52,800	53,500				7,666.0	7,641.6	7,629.3

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88	Apr.'89*	Mar.'89	Apr.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 425.88	$ 423.67	$ 415.91	42.0	41.7	41.8	$ 10.14	10.16	9.95
Durable Goods	425.96	419.67	415.81	42.3	41.8	42.3	10.07	10.04	9.83
Lumber & Wood Products	302.43	299.59	299.88	41.6	41.9	42.0	7.27	7.15	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	261.20	267.04	255.67	40.0	40.4	39.7	6.53	6.61	6.44
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	405.13	395.84	400.46	42.6	42.2	43.2	9.51	9.38	9.27
Primary Metal Industries	471.65	447.53	452.15	42.3	41.4	42.1	11.15	10.81	10.74
Fabricated Metal Products	384.57	383.40	381.81	42.4	42.6	42.9	9.07	9.00	8.90
Machinery, exc. Electric	428.11	427.70	435.81	43.2	42.6	43.8	9.91	10.04	9.95
Oil Field Machinery	510.85	513.00	522.29	43.7	45.0	46.8	11.69	11.40	11.16
Electric & Electronic Equip.	444.88	444.11	431.26	41.5	40.3	40.8	10.72	11.02	10.57
Transportation Equipment	583.40	574.20	558.05	43.7	43.5	43.7	13.35	13.20	12.77
Instruments & Related Prod.	393.57	371.72	371.05	40.7	38.6	40.2	9.67	9.63	9.23
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	284.59	275.99	250.29	39.2	38.6	36.7	7.26	7.15	6.82
Nondurable Goods	425.98	427.87	415.71	41.6	41.5	41.2	10.24	10.31	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	341.47	348.55	351.07	40.7	41.2	41.4	8.39	8.46	8.48
Meat Products	251.77	256.80	250.27	39.9	40.0	39.6	6.31	6.42	6.32
Malt Beverages	874.40	947.19	936.40	45.4	48.9	47.8	19.26	19.37	19.59
Textile Mill Products	343.30	336.42	340.47	44.7	44.5	45.7	7.68	7.56	7.45
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	217.60	207.52	192.72	40.0	38.5	36.5	5.44	5.39	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	499.14	486.21	470.44	43.9	42.8	43.6	11.37	11.36	10.79
Printing & Publishing	402.43	407.88	393.21	39.3	39.6	39.4	10.24	10.30	9.98
Chemicals & Allied Products	689.48	703.04	668.55	44.0	44.3	43.3	15.67	15.87	15.44
Petroleum & Coal Products	715.20	704.16	679.78	44.7	43.9	43.8	16.00	16.04	15.52
Petroleum Refining	745.02	731.46	706.06	44.8	43.8	43.8	16.63	16.70	16.12
Leather & Leather Products	235.77	229.49	214.66	39.1	38.7	39.1	6.03	5.93	5.49
Other Nondurable Goods	385.84	395.76	401.41	42.4	43.3	44.8	9.10	9.14	8.96
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	518.80	509.52	519.98	40.0	39.9	41.9	12.97	12.77	12.41
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	549.34	549.77	564.51	45.4	45.7	47.2	12.10	12.03	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.99	506.39	516.26	39.6	39.5	41.5	13.03	12.82	12.44
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	508.16	497.45	491.57	39.7	39.2	39.2	12.80	12.69	12.54
Elec., Gas & San. Services	508.20	485.80	474.61	42.0	39.4	40.6	12.10	12.33	11.69
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.33	232.40	229.18	32.8	32.1	32.6	7.28	7.24	7.03
Wholesale Trade	416.16	403.12	393.62	39.9	39.1	39.6	10.43	10.31	9.94
Retail Trade	182.41	180.30	178.75	30.3	30.0	30.4	6.02	6.01	5.88
General Merchandise Stores	174.04	174.63	173.06	29.3	29.3	28.7	5.94	5.96	6.03
Banking	296.16	272.69	272.03	39.7	36.9	38.1	7.46	7.39	7.14

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 418.90	$ 417.66	$ 407.97	42.1	41.6	41.8	$ 9.95	$ 10.04	9.76
Durable Goods	442.46	440.08	425.70	42.3	41.4	41.9	10.46	10.63	10.16
Nondurable Goods	380.80	381.78	379.47	41.8	42.0	41.7	9.11	9.09	9.10
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	458.13	447.84	436.31	41.8	41.2	41.2	10.96	10.87	10.59
Durable Goods	488.02	474.35	457.18	42.4	41.5	41.6	11.51	11.43	10.99
Nondurable Goods	387.69	385.16	387.28	40.3	40.5	40.3	9.62	9.51	9.61
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	504.70	519.94	498.33	43.1	44.1	44.1	11.71	11.79	11.30
Durable Goods	423.26	435.38	423.95	43.5	44.7	44.3	9.73	9.74	9.57
Nondurable Goods	603.93	622.94	586.04	42.5	43.2	43.8	14.21	14.42	13.38
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.20	293.67	310.43	40.0	39.0	40.9	7.48	7.53	7.59
Durable Goods	319.80	324.09	339.90	39.0	39.0	41.2	8.20	8.31	8.25
Nondurable Goods	280.30	265.69	282.69	40.8	38.9	40.5	6.87	6.83	6.98

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✣ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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In **Manufacturing**, small gains and losses in Durable and Nondurable Goods offset one another, leaving the Manufacturing total unchanged between March and April. The **Durable Goods** sector eked out a minor increase of 800 jobs. The largest growth within this sector was in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which rose by 400. Smaller gains occurred in Fabricated Metal Industries, Electric and Electronic Equipment, and Instruments and Related Products. Declines were reported in Lumber and Wood Products, Transportation Equipment, and Furniture and Fixtures.

One large downturn and other smaller losses pushed employment in **Nondurable Goods** down by 800 in April. The notable decrease was in Food and Kindred Products, which lost 1,100 jobs. Most of that drop was due to seasonal layoffs in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables. Smaller losses were fairly widespread. The only gain of note within Nondurable Goods occurred in Printing and Publishing, where 400 jobs were added.

Although Manufacturing firms have created close to 14,000 jobs during the past year, growth in this sector has slowed quite a bit from last year's pace. Between April 1987 and April 1988, Manufacturing employers added over 33,000 jobs. Another change is that most of the growth in Manufacturing is currently concentrated in the Nondurable Goods sector. In the past two or three years, expansion was more common within Durable Goods. For example, during the year ending in April 1988, Durable Goods industries generated over 80 percent of the total Manufacturing growth.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	APR.'89	APR.'88
Total Population	16,886,000*	16,826,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	2.0
UI Covered Employers	311,482	312,440
Total Claims Actions	513,292	534,309
Total Initial Claims Actions	53,730	56,591
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	459,562	477,718
Total Placements	31,615	30,976
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$155.21	$153.45
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,343,310	$63,028,704

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Hours Rise While Hourly Earnings Drop

There were an estimated 624,900 Texas Manufacturing production workers in April 1989, up 300 from the March level and over 11,000 above the year-ago total. In mid-April, the average production worker was earning $10.14 an hour for a 42-hour work week, with Average Weekly Earnings of $425.88. Average Hourly Earnings declined by 2¢ between March and April, while Average Weekly Hours rose by 0.3 hour. The combination of lower hourly earnings and a somewhat longer workweek left Average Weekly Earnings up by only $2.21 over the month.

Although Average Hourly Earnings for Manufacturing as a whole declined slightly in April, earnings rose in several industries due to increased overtime worked at premium pay. The majority of the industries where this occurred were in the Durable Goods sector. These included Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Lumber and Wood Products, and Primary Metal Industries.

Compared to April 1988 figures, Average Weekly Hours had increased by 0.2 hour, while Average Hourly Earnings rose by 19¢, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by almost $10.00 over the year. Although Average Hourly Earnings were down in both Durable Goods and Nondurable Goods between April 1988 and April 1989, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 15¢ in Nondurable Goods and by 24¢ in Durable Goods.

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